(vii) The Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation, Government of India have amended Building Bye-laws, 1983, making provision for water harvesting through storing of water run-off including rain water in all new buildings on plots of 100 square meters and above in Delhi mandatory. Similarly, State Governments of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Rajasthan and Kerala have made roof top rain water harvesting mandatory in specified cases.

(viii) An activity namely, "Demonstration of Rain Water Harvesting From Roof Tops and two toilets in Government schools in rural areas in various States through community Based Organizations (CBOs)" was taken up during Fresh Water Year, 2003-04. Based on its success, more girls rural Government schools have been covered with roof top rain water harvesting projects, during 2004-05 and 2005-06.

(ix) Under the Bhagidari scheme of Delhi Government, Delhi Jal Board provides financial assistance upto 50% of the cost, subject to maximum of Rs. 50,000/, for rain water harvesting to Resident Welfare Associations/Group Housing Societies, Private recognized / Government Schools, Institutions, Industrial buildings, Hospitals, Charitable Institutions, NGO buildings etc., in areas of National Captial Territory, where rain water harvesting is feasible.

Special grants to Krishna Valley Irrigation Project

2397. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has sent a proposal to the Central Government for seeking special grants towards the Krishna Valley Irrigation Project and other irrigation projects running in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.